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LARRY LLOYD

IT IS a pleasure to welcome Aston Villa, Football League Champions, to Springfield Park this evening, as it gives our supporters an opportunity to look at First Division players. As in the Chelsea tie, I firmly believe that we can upset the odds by getting a result against Villa.

Aston Villa have too many good players to mention in this column, but one player I am particularly happy to be acquainted with is Peter Withe. Peter and myself were great friends at Forest, and in fact used to share hotel rooms all over the world. He is a fine player, and I am glad he is now getting the recognition he is so richly deserves.

On a sad note, it was particularly disappointing to go out of the F.A. Cup to a side that I honestly felt were inferior to us in both games. We seem to lose our way on occasions, and consistency is one thing we must all work for in the future.

Enjoy tonight's special game.

Best wishes,

Larry Lloyd.



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Scene Four

VILLA ARE CHAMPION CUP-FIGHTERS

TONY PULLEIN

ASTON Villa come to Springfield Park as the reigning League Champions and also as undisputed champions of English Cup soccer. They have won both the League Cup and the F.A. Cup more often than any other club.

Villa have appeared in five Football League Cup Finals, winning the trophy in 1961, 1975 and 1977. They have achieved seven victories in F.A. Cup Finals, the most recent being in 1957.

Villa are one of several famous Cup-fighting sides still left in the League Cup. Last season's F.A. Cup finalists Manchester City, who have been successful in two of their three League Cup Finals, have a very tough away tie at Barnsley.

The Second Division side, managed by Norman Hunter, has already beaten two First Division clubs this season. They shocked high-flying Swansea City by putting them out in the second round by 4-3 on aggregate and they made no mistake when thrashing Brighton 4-1 at Oakwell in the last round.

Barnsley's Ronnie Glavin, now the competition's leading scorer with six goals, scored against both Swansea and Brighton and the former Scottish international is quietly confident that Barnsley can overcome Manchester City. "We don't fear anyone now," he declared last week.

We are one of three Fourth Division clubs surviving in the League Cup though only one other — Tranmere Rovers — was definitely through to the Fourth Round.

Bradford City, who pulled off one of the finest performances in round three by drawing 1-1 at Ipswich, had to postpone last week's Valley Parade replay because of a floodlight fault. Television engineers, who were setting up cameras to cover the replay, discovered fractures in two of the floodlight pylons so the game has had to be delayed a week.

If Bradford can repeat their Portman Road performance, and pull off a shock victory, they will face another tough tie away to Everton in the Fourth Round.

Up until now Tranmere Rovers had been favoured with comparatively easy draws and they disposed of Burnley (7-5 aggregate), Port Vale (4-1 aggregate) and Colchester United (1-0) in previous rounds. Now they visit a Nottingham Forest side determined to give nothing away.

Forest are the only club to appear in three successive League Cup Finals, winning the first two in 1978 and 1979. But they are desperate to find a way back into European Soccer and, at the moment, the League Cup offers them their best chance.

"The situation is that if we don't start winning something again we shall get the sack," said assistant-manager Peter Taylor last week. Forest have never pulled their punches in the League Cup. Only last season they visited Fourth Division Bury and slammed seven goals past them. Tranmere Rovers, struggling in the lower half of the Fourth Division, appear to have little chance of survival at the City Ground.

The only Third Division side left are Fulham and their reward for victories over Second Division sides Newcastle and Oldham in previous rounds is a lucrative game at neighbouring Tottenham.

The Cottagers, managed by former England, Newcastle and Arsenal centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald, are developing into one of the finest footballing teams in the Third Division. There was no fluke about their second round win over Newcastle. They won 2-1 at St. James Park and 2-0 at Craven Cottage. Though there was an element of luck about their 1-1 draw at Oldham in the last round, they outplayed their Second Division rivals in the Craven Cottage replay, fully deserving their 3-0 win.

Now that Welsh international striker Gordon Davies (he had scored 13 goals before the weekend) has found a new scoring partner in young Dean Coney, the Fulham attack has been looking very good indeed. Coney scored twice against Oldham, and should have had a hat-trick. This is his first season as a regular and now that his confidence is growing he has been scoring profusely. He added two more in their F.A. Cup victory over Bristol Rovers and his tally before the weekend was nine.

Clubs from the London area have been dominating the League Cup this season. Six — Arsenal, Tottenham, Crystal Palace, Queen's Park Rangers, Watford and Fulham — were definitely through to the last 16 whilst West Ham, last season's beaten finalists, were hoping to win their marathon Third Round tie with West Bromwich Albion and qualify for a derby game at Crystal Palace.

Scottish international Ray Stewart converted a penalty in both their drawn games against the Throstles and the Hammers were hoping their luck would hold out in the second replay. If the Hammers win through, then three London clubs will be guaranteed a place in the final eight. Watford meet Q.P.R., Tottenham face Fulham whilst Crystal Palace would be clashing with West Ham.

Arsenal have the toughest task for they are at home to holders Liverpool, who have run very much into top form lately.

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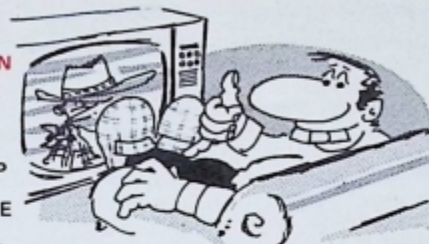
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HOME																									
Aldershot			3-2	2-0	1-2				0-0	3-1	1-2			2-3							2-0	2-1			0-1
Blackpool				0-3	1-1	5-0	7-1						3-1												
Bournemouth					3-2	2-0	2-0								1-1	1-1	1-0	2-0							0-0
Bradford	4-1					2-1					1-0						1-0	2-0		0-2					3-3
Bury									2-0						7-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	4-0		2-0				5-3
Colchester	1-1											4-0			5-1				2-1		3-0	4-0	1-2	4-0	
Crewe	2-3					1-2			1-0	0-1							0-2	1-2	3-0			0-1			
Darlington		2-2		1-5							1-1						0-0	1-1	2-0		2-0				
Halifax			1-1		2-1	0-2								2-1		1-1		0-0				1-2	0-2		
Hartlepool					1-3	1-2		3-2		3-2				3-2	3-1	0-1							0-0	2-1	
Hereford				1-2	3-0			1-1	2-2	1-1			2-2								0-0	0-3		1-2	0-2
Hull	1-2			2-1		2-3										1-1				2-1			1-2	0-2	2-0
Mansfield		2-2	0-1	0-2	1-1		0-1							3-3		4-1		4-3							
Northampton			0-1	3-1	0-2		3-0					2-3	1-1							1-1	1-2	0-0	3-2		
Peterborough	7-1		1-0				3-0					3-1	1-0					5-1							0-1
Port Vale	1-0					2-1				0-0			2-1	0-0		1-3				0-2	1-0				
Rochdale	0-0	0-0				1-2					2-1						1-2					4-1	1-0	0-0	
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COMING SHORTLY

HALIFAX TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

ALTHOUGH Halifax Town have not enjoyed the best of fortune in their encounters with Wigan Athletic, since the Springfield Park club joined the Football League, "The Shaymen" can be relied upon to provide our opposition on Saturday, 5th December. The next League game to be played at Springfield Park is of vital importance, not only to Wigan Athletic, desperately trying to break into the top six before the New Year, but also to the West Yorkshire Club, who are battling to get away from the foot of the League table. The recent frenzy of cup-tie activity has stretched the resources of the Latics considerably, and, although maintaining a successful run, Larry Lloyd's team will be anxious to improve on the two drawn games against Hereford United and York City. At one time, the point gained for a draw was always welcome, but now, under the revised points system, any draw, whether at home or away, tends to result in ground being lost in the fight for promotion.

"The Shaymen" are again finding goals hard to come by, and their away record is far from being the best in the League, with only one win and three draws being gained from eight visits to other clubs. However, we should remember that Darlington and Hereford United, when they visited Springfield Park, were not much better placed, and made the Wigan Athletic team battle for the three valuable points gained. If the struggle continues to be hard for Halifax Town on the field of play, off the field of play the club is making very positive attempts to develop The Shay Ground into a far more hospitable venue than previously was the case. "The Chimes", the club's new restaurant is opening shortly, new floodlights have been installed, and attempts are being made to cultivate the right kind of family and community relationship by paying much more attention to spectator comforts and amenities. We look forward to viewing the new developments later in the year.

Larry Lloyd has tried to remind his players and all club supporters that League games are the club's bread and butter, whatever the temporary uplift and enthusiasm generated by cup ties. If the form book runs true, after tonight's game with Aston Villa, Wigan Athletic will be left to concentrate this season's efforts on the League competition and the new cup competition, post-Christmas for Football League's Associate Members. Loyal fans would like to see nothing better than their team progress to the Third Division of the Football League at the end of the current season, an ambition that will be more easily achieved if spectator support can be maintained. Your team still needs your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 5th December, 1981.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HALIFAX TOWN

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KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

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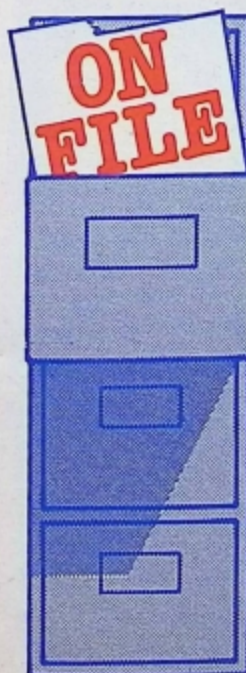
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WHILST the team and supporters' coaches headed North to Hartlepool last Wednesday, I was heading south to Villa Park with £10,000 worth of tickets to hand to the Secretary of the winning side in the Aston Villa versus Leicester City match. This personal delivery service had been arranged to enable the winning club to put the tickets on sale the next morning and I had diplomatically written two letters, one to each secretary, and only one of which would ever be used congratulating him on his club's success and outlining the details of the ticket allocation.

Villa Park, behind the scenes, is an awe-inspiring place, with American-style security staff, massive fences and arc lights giving the impression of Fort Knox rather than the rear-entrance to a football ground. The foyer leading to the suite of offices resembles a V.I.P. lounge at an airport, with three hostesses, dressed in smart claret suits, operating a security door, which only opens if your face fits, or, in my case, a little blue card saying "Secretary, Wigan Athletic A.F.C."

Those of you who have seen my office with files and papers everywhere will appreciate the jealousy which I felt on entering the Secretary's office — nothing but a large, empty desk, a luxurious swivel chair and an extremely attractive, and extremely full, drinks' cabinet. Such is life in the First Division.

As I watched the match, I was sat with our Chief Scout, Harry McNally, and Mick Clarke, our Reserve Team Coach, who were "spying" on the opposition. As they made copious notes, I thought I would record my own version, so as to give Larry Lloyd a real insight into Villa, which might just turn the game our way. After half an hour, I reviewed what I had written, and it read as follows: "Peter Withe — tremendous. Tony Morley — great. Gary Shaw — fast and clever".

So I decided to let Harry and Mick provide all the information — I don't think I'd make much of a spy!
Cheers,

Colin Burke,
Secretary.



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THE LOCAL VIEW

by Harold Ashurst

THE weather is threatening to wreck Wigan Amateur League's meticulous preparations for their Lancashire Inter League tie with Warrington on Sunday. Already one preparation friendly, against a Chorley XI, has been called off, but that was because of a floodlight failure, and nothing to do with the elements.

However, a hurriedly fixed up match with Anchor Cables, scheduled for last Tuesday, was postponed at the last moment because of a flooded pitch. Now all the League has left before their tough cup tie is a planned game with Leyland Motors tomorrow night. Still with the Amateur League, their meeting scheduled for tonight has been put off until Thursday. Chairman Ray Clough commented: "The League wants maximum support for Latics, and congestion in the town against

Aston Villa would make parking very difficult".

Putting back the meeting means that clubs need to take along their prizes for the Christmas draw on Thursday.

Wigan Metro pitches will be closed for two weekends over Christmas. Last games will be on December 20th, and the pitches will re-open on January 9th, 1982.

Council workers are on holiday for the week between Christmas and New Year. Chorley Youth team manager Les Hamer has taken over as Secretary of Chorley Football Club. The youth team, members of Wigan Amateur League, will still deal with Les in a secretarial capacity for the time being. Prior to his latest job, Les, a former top flight referee, has held the posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer with Horwich Referees Society and was Secretary of the Westhoughton League.

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"Mark Wignall delicately chips home his first goal against Chelsea".

"Clive Evans sidefoots Wigan Athletic's second goal against Chelsea".

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"PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY"

Chelsea. My wallet was stolen on the way out, my precious O.A.P.'s tickets as well. I don't know whether you will be able to help or not, but the two full books of blue tickets were numbered 1000 and 1001. Of course, these are only the book numbers, if I remember correctly I believe the actual tickets were unnumbered. Of course I have read the rules and do not expect you to duplicate them. But, please give a warning to others during your house full cup-ties. I must add that my wallet also contained my bus pass and twenty nine pounds that I have been saving for months to buy my wife and son a small present for Christmas. Still, we live and learn, even at my age, my only wish is that the thief has a few sleepless nights. Congratulations on your fine win against Chelsea, and good luck to the manager and team in their fight for promotion. If I cannot always be with you in person, I shall always be with you in spirit. Yours sincerely, W. Heyes.

112, Winstanley Road, Orrell,
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12th November, 1981.

To the Commercial Manager,
Wigan Athletic A.F.C.

For over twenty years I was a loyal supporter of "Latics" both home and away. Three years ago when I went on the pension I had to be satisfied with home games and the odd local derby. At the beginning of this season my son, who is just sixteen, bought me a present of twenty "Take Five" tickets (four books). These I kept in my wallet for safety, at least that's what I thought, until last night's game with

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LIFE in the Commercial Department in the past few weeks has been verging on the insane. I have had cause to reflect on the singing of Max Boyce, and the fervour with which he carries his leek, displaying his loyalty to Wales, up and down the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, playing at a variety of venues, great and small. To a lesser extent, Larry Lloyd, the players, and supporters of the Wigan Athletic Football Club have been involved in the same exercise, brought about by involvement in the F.A. Cup and Football League Cup competitions. Recalling stories told by the Welsh bard of the important game at Cardiff Arms Park, we, in the Commercial Department, have witnessed all the frenzy of cup fever, and we have decided that, should Villa be toppled tonight, all the essential services supplied to Wigan and district will totally break down.

At the time of writing these notes, we have sold almost 10,000 tickets, and it has been interesting to observe the many different uniforms of the purchasers, dashing through the gates in an all too short lunch break or at the end of a day of routine hard work. To mention but a few, British Telecom, Rathbones Bakery, The North West Water Authority, North West Gas, Norweb, Wigan Metro, the Post Office, Tyre and Exhaust Distributors, British Rail, G.M.T. bus drivers and conductors, the medical profession,

accountants, and legal advisers, have poured through the gates clutching hard-earned notes that they have been delighted to hand over in return for a flimsy yellow ticket that will be their passport to heaven, or the other place, this evening. I am utterly convinced that truancy in local schools must be on the increase, and even the teachers are at it, because we have seen some of them as well. It must be a long, long time since any game has evoked such a wave of interest and emotion in Wigan and district. We thank every single one of our ticket purchasers for their interest and enthusiasm shown.

As I have written before, money really does matter as far as meeting the cost of presenting League Football at Springfield Park. The public have shown their interest in tonight's game; it now remains for Larry Lloyd and his boys to go out on the Park and give every bit of energy and every ounce of skill, in meeting the challenge offered by the formidable Aston Villa Football Club. Nothing less will repay the Wigan public, and the visitor from further afield, for the support that the Latics team can look for on the greatest night in club history.

Once again, we are considerably indebted to Wimpey Homes Holdings Limited for sponsoring another game of such great importance to the Wigan Athletic Football Club. To Dennis McGrath, in particular, we say a special thank-you, and we trust that he and his colleagues will gain as much enjoyment from tonight's encounter, as they did from the game in the previous round against Chelsea. To other good friends of the club, the British Mail Order Corporation (GUS), of Martland Mill Lane, Wigan, we also express our appreciation for providing the match ball. Both the organisations assisting us tonight are known not only in the United Kingdom, but also internationally, for high quality goods and service. We are proud to merit their continued support.

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RESERVE

Saturday, 21st November, 1981. Lancashire League.

Barrow Reserves v Wigan Athletic Reserves
Result Barrow 0 Wigan 3 (Langley, Edwards, Wright — goalscorers)

Team as follows:-

Jones	Pridham	Brown	Silcock	McAdam
	Langley		Wright	Frazer
Bailey		Hatton		Edwards

Substitutes: Urquhart, Quinn.

Saturday, 21st November, 1981. Lancashire League.

Wigan Athletic 'A' v Blackburn Rovers 'A'

Result Wigan Athletic 'A' 3 Blackburn Rovers 'A' 4 (Aspinall, Walsh, Wilson — goalscorers)

Team as follows:-

McGowan	Dowling	Jameson	Needham
	Wilson		Mawdesley
Phillips	Walsh	Shaw	Aspinall

LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING 25th NOVEMBER 1981.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Bonus	Total
							Pts.		Pts.
Shr'sbury T.	9	7	1	1	29	10	15	23	38
Wigan Ath.	7	4	3	0	21	8	11	19	30
Wrexham	8	3	2	3	14	16	8	15	23
Chester	8	1	4	3	16	20	6	14	20
Crewe Alex.	10	2	1	7	14	24	5	15	20
Port Vale	8	2	1	5	12	28	5	14	19

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The O.A.P. Party will be on Thursday 17th December, starting at 5.00 p.m. Admittance will be by ticket only, available from Jimmy Hoy on production of membership card. The same procedure will be for the Children's Party, which will be held on Sunday 21st December, from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

The September Club will be holding its Christmas Party on Wednesday, 9th December. A concert is arranged for the night when everyone is welcome. Entertainment will be provided by "Evergreen", Marie Michelle and Tony Lucas.

Earlier in the week I was shown a supporters' club membership book for the 1958/59 season. At the back of the book was a list of don'ts for supporters, which I think will make interesting reading.

Don't love the game for its result, love the game for its sport.

Don't stay away because so and so is playing.

Remember the directors must meet the expenses.

Don't barrack the referee, for he is in a position to see better than you do.

Don't shout at the players, for they may be playing under difficulties.

Don't instruct the linesman whose throw-in it is, because they are neutral, and have nothing to gain by giving wrong decisions.

Don't neglect to further the effort of Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club, for their sole aim is to create enthusiasm for the game.

Don't be content until you have an association team capable of upholding the prestige Wigan holds in the sporting world.

Don't go to the match with one eye and a loud voice, remember, there are two teams on the field.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB THIS WEEKEND

Sat. 5th Dec. - Alan Lewis
Sun. 6th Dec. - Adam Kane.

Please note membership cards must be shown tonight.

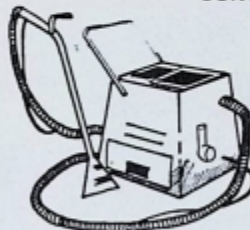
Enjoy the match.

Fred Clemson,

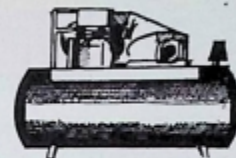
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 13

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you must decide where the rest must go

Roman club; Played for a penalty; Old Alex of Arsenal; Manager Morris

CLUB CLUE No. 13

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:
Two poles planted in the corn.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 13

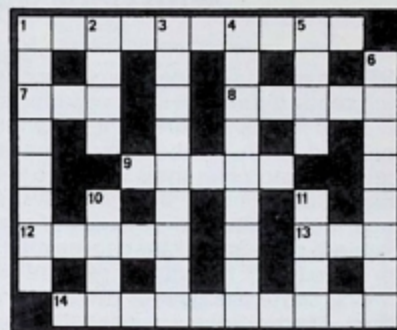
Re-order the letters in each of the words **PAYERS** and **DAMNED** to find two managers.

QUICK QUIZ No. 13

1. Which British club has the shortest name?
2. Which British club has the longest name?
3. Which keeper was unbeaten in three FA Cup finals?
4. Who is "Crazy Horse"?
5. Which club set up the record away win in the Football League?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY NINER

No. 13 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Former Spurs star who later managed Nottingham Forest and Derby (4,6)
7. See 13 across
8. His twenty-three goals helped Rotherham to their championship last season (5)
9. One of the Hibbitt brothers (5)
12. Cup stage (5)
- 13 & 7ac. Score by which Czechoslovakia beat East Germany to win the 1980 Olympic title (3-3)
14. Oldham remained thus longest in the League this season (10)

DOWN

1. One of the Dundee grounds (4,4)
2. See 11 down
3. Chelsea manager between Stuart and Shellito (9)
4. Tom Finney is this club's most-capped player (9)
5. Famous old Celtic star Patsy Gallagher was nicknamed "The Mighty ---" (4)
6. Long-serving Torquay defender who later managed Swindon and Crystal Palace (4,4)
10. Notts County's Test cricketer who played for Forest in 1881 . . . or his Forest namesake of 1981 (4)
- 11 & 2dn. Where John McGrath became manager after Alan Bloor (4,4)



... today... in town today... in town today... in town today...

ASTON VILLA



Aston Villa Football Club — 1981-82

Back Row (Left to right) Eamonn Deacy, Jimmy Rimmer, Ken McNaught, Nigel Spink, Allan Evans, Middle Row Jim Williams (Physio), Des Bremner, Gary Williams, Robert Hopkins, Brendon Ormsby, Colin Gibson, Gordon Cowans, Roy McLaren (Coach)
Front Row Tony Morley, David Geddis, Dennis Mortimer (Captain), Ron Saunders (Manager), Kenny Swain, Peter Withe, Gary Shaw.

THE Wigan Athletic Football Club is very privileged, this evening, to welcome the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Aston Villa Football Club to Springfield Park. For this, the first occasion that Wigan Athletic have appeared in the Fourth Round of the Football League Cup, we could not have asked for illustrious opposition than that offered by the current First Division Champions of the Football League, and one of England's most famous clubs.

Elsewhere in the programme, in the Footrefax section, programme enthusiasts will find a dossier of Aston Villa achievements and high spots across the

years. The Midlands club has enjoyed many great moments in both League and cup competitions, and, today, under the astute management of Ron Saunders, "The Villans" are again thrilling spectators, up and down the country, with their open and attractive playing style. Discipline, organisation and a high degree of skill and physical fitness, are the hallmarks of the Villa game.

We trust that all those present at Springfield Park, tonight, will enjoy this historic occasion to the full, and we look forward to an evening of thrills and entertainment worthy of the great traditions of our national game.

PERSONALITIES

JIMMY RIMMER (Goalkeeper) Born Southport. Outstanding value for money at £70,000 from Arsenal on August 12, 1977. Previously with Manchester United and magnificently consistent with all three clubs, but none more so than Villa. Great crowd favourite at Villa Park.

DES BREMNER (Midfielder) Born Kirkcaldy. Joined Villa on September 17, 1979 for a reported £275,000 fee from Hibernian. Had an outstanding first season in English football and could well add full senior honours to the

Scotland Under-23 representation already received

GORDON COWANS (Midfielder) Born County Durham. Honoured at several England levels and strongly tipped to make the senior squad. Came through Villa's apprentice system to reach full professional status in August 1976. Reached the first team at 17 and won a League Cup Winners Medal in 1977. Named "Young Player of the Year" by the panel of judges awarding the Robinsons Barley Water Trophy in May 1980.

EAMONN DEACY (Defender) Born Galway. Wrote to Villa asking for a trial and was



delighted to sign a professional contract on February 26, 1979. One of the 14 players to win a championship medal.

ALLAN EVANS (Central Defender) Born West Calder (Midlothian), joined Villa on May 13, 1977 from Dunfermline Athletic, for a bargain £30,000. In the early part of his Villa career he was a striker who could also double as a Central Defender. Now the roles have been reversed.

DAVID GEDDIS (Striker) Born Carlisle. Signed from Ipswich Town for a reported £300,000 fee on September 14, 1979 — then the Club's record fee. England Youth Honours also toured Australia and New Zealand with the England 'B' team.

COLIN GIBSON (Defender) Born Bridport Dorset. Recruited from school through the apprentice system to sign full pro on 18th birthday. Now a proud possessor of Championship medal.

GARY SHAW (Striker) Born Birmingham. England Youth Team and apprentice professional, was the background to Gary's development prior to signing full professional forms on January 12, 1979. A carefully groomed development paid rich dividends when he finally arrived in the First Division and continued his excellent goal scoring

record. England Youth Under-21 International. Awarded Robinsons Barley Water "Young Player of the Year" and P.F.A.'s Young Player of the Year.

TONY MORLEY (Forward) Born Ormskirk Lancs. Turned down a move to Arsenal while with Burnley. Villa were more successful, but it cost them £200,000 for the Morley



signature on June 13, 1979. Under-21 International.

KENNY SWAIN (Defender) Born Birkenhead. Signed for £100,000 from Chelsea as a forward on December 13, 1978. Kenny has been switched to replace John Gidman at right-back with startling success, adapting immediately to the job. Led the team on occasions in Mortimer's absence. Member of Home International squad at the end of last season.

GARY WILLIAMS (Defender) Born Wolverhampton. Originally a Central Defender, Gary was utilised in the No. 3 shirt on his first team debut and put together a long string of senior appearances which belied his youth. Only became a full professional on June 2, 1978 but has made quite an impact in relatively short time.

PETER WITHE (Striker) Born Liverpool. Villa's record fee (a reported £500,000) brought the much-travelled Withe to Villa Park from Newcastle on May 22, 1980, despite stiff opposition for his signature from Everton and others. In addition to spells abroad — South Africa and the United States — his league appearances includes Southport, Barrow, Wolves, Birmingham City and Nottingham Forest before moving to the North East. International appearances in Home Internationals and also on tour in Hungary and Switzerland.

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OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

HAVE you ever seen something happen which really didn't? Well, it happened to me... and not for the first time... when I ventured forth to the metropolis to watch England claw their way into the World Cup finals against eleven Hungarian cardboard cut-outs. From my superb grandstand seat, three miles from the edge of the pitch, I saw Trevor Brooking score the goal of the season.

Alvin Martin rose majestically and nodded the ball back into the path of Trevor, who took two strides forward and unleashed the sweetest of shots into the net... or at least I thought he did. It was worth £11 stand ticket admission (that's something like the cost of watching ten Latics matches via Take Five tickets), and the £9 rail fare, to savour that magic moment.

And then I saw an action replay on the television the next day. Oh boy, were my dreams shattered. Brooking made such a hash of hitting it, it looked set to hit the corner flag, before Paul Mariner fell into the path of the ball and finished it off. No wonder people prefer to watch soccer

on T.V. You pay top whack for second rate facilities, a second rate view and for the honour of fending off pickpockets.

Wembley internationals are getting to be a real rip-off. Spivs try to flog off banners and scarves, normally available from around 50p, for amounts now below £2. The biggest con of all is the mobile Chips kiosk where you can only purchase chips... when you've paid around £1 for a fish. Still England won, and that in itself is a rarity and, though the game was disappointing, one of the highlights tonight will be to see two certain England stars of the future... Tony Morley and Peter Withe... in action.

Latics fans who couldn't make their side's FA Cup replay at Hartlepool must have winced each time they tuned in to a local radio station and heard a report on the match. If the reporter was to be believed, Latics were pulverised... particularly just into the second half, when Latics ran the home side ragged and "scored" twice. True the lads lost, but it was never like that.

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ACROSS THE YEARS WITH ASTON VILLA

1874 - Club founded by members of Aston Villa Wesleyan Chapel, Lozells.	1959 - Relegated following last minute goal at Albion
1887 - Beat West Bromwich Albion 2-0 in F.A. Cup Final.	1960 - Second Division Champions
1888 - Football League formed on suggestion of Villa Chairman, William McGregor.	1961 - First winners of League Cup
1889 - Runners-up to Preston in League's first season.	1963 - Football beaten by the weather and Villa beaten in record eleven consecutive games. League Cup runners-up
1892 - Beaten 2-0 by Albion in F.A. Cup Final	1964 - Mercer resigns and Dick Taylor takes over
1894 - League Champions	1966 - World Cup group matches played at Villa Park
1895 - Beat Albion in F.A. Cup Final... then fined £25 after trophy was stolen from a Birmingham shop window!	1967 - Relegated. Tommy Cummings takes over from Taylor
1896 - League Champions; Club became a limited company.	1968 - Complete new administration following termination of Cummings' contract. Tommy Docherty appointed manager
1897 - Completed League and F.A. Cup 'double', a friendly against Blackburn Rovers opened Villa Park.	1970 - Relegated to Third Division. Vic Crowe new manager
1899 - League Champions	1971 - League Cup runners-up to Spurs
1900 - League Champions	1972 - Record Third Division attendance, record points and record number of wins on way to title. Win F.A. Youth Cup
1903 - League runners-up	1973 - Win Southern Junior Floodlit Cup
1905 - F.A. Cup Winners and League runners-up	1974 - Centenary Year; Ron Saunders becomes new manager; Win Blauw-Wit International Youth Tournament in Amsterdam
1908 - League runners-up	1975 - Win League Cup and promotion to First Division; Saunders is named Manager of the Year; win Southern Junior Floodlit Cup
1910 - League Champions for the sixth time	1976 - Sign Dennis Mortimer for record fee of £175,000; also sign Andy Gray
1911 - League runners-up	1977 - Win League Cup after three final games against Everton; finish fourth in the League — highest for 44 years.
1913 - F.A. Cup winners and League runners-up.	1978 - Open £1,000,000 North Stand. Sign Tommy Craig for record fee of £275,000; beaten by Barcelona in UEFA Cup Quarter Final
1914 - League runners-up	1979 - Win Southern Junior Floodlit Cup finish eighth in First Division
1920 - F.A. Cup winners	1980 - Sold Andy Gray for a reported £1,500,000 in September. John Gidman sold to Everton and John Deehan to West Bromwich Albion. Won Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and F.A. Youth Cup. Finished seventh in the League. Signed Peter Withe from Newcastle for a reported Club record fee of £500,000.
1924 - F.A. Cup runners-up	1981 - First Division League Champions. Won Daily Express 5-a-side competition. Also won Southern Junior Floodlit Cup
1931 - 'Pongo' Waring scores 49 goals as Villa also score record 128 goals on way to runners-up spot in League.	
1933 - League runners-up	
1934 - Appoint Jimmy McMullan first ever team manager	
1935 - Relegated for first time	
1936 - Jimmy Hogan takes over from McMullan	
1938 - Second Division Champions	
1945 - Alex Massie appointed team manager	
1946 - F.A. Cup-tie against Derby County attracts record attendance of 76,588	
1947 - Record League attendance 68,099 versus Wolves	
1949 - George Martin becomes manager	
1953 - Eric Houghton becomes manager following resignation of Martin	
1957 - F.A. Cup Winners for record seventh time	
1958 - Joe Mercer takes over from Houghton; draw 3-3 with Hearts in first game under floodlights	

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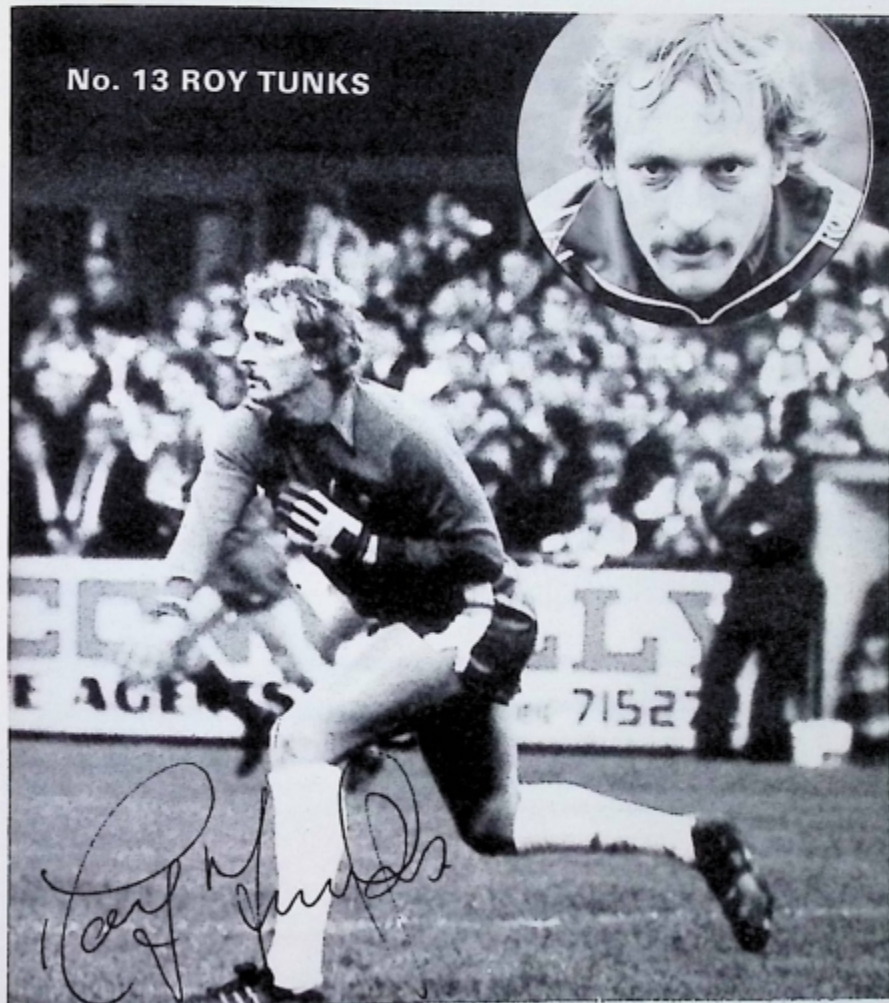
"Time for celebration for Mark Wignall, star of the night against Chelsea, and his teammates Clive Evans, Alex Cribley and Kevin Sheldon".
Photograph by courtesy of David Cookson.

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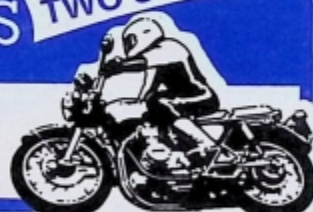


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ON this very special evening for Wigan Athletic, I, on behalf of the Committee and Members of the 'Junior Latics', would like to welcome all the young supporters of Aston Villa to Springfield Park.

As tonight's game is sure to attract one of Springfield Park's biggest crowds of the season, it's a pretty fair bet that there will be more children attending tonight's match than have ever done so before.

That must mean that there are hundreds of children here tonight who are not members of the 'Junior Latics' but who are interested in football.

To all those children I say "Come and Join Us". For a membership fee of £1.50 we offer you the chance to meet the players and of talking to Bobby Charlton C.B.E. and Larry Lloyd. On joining new members receive an exclusive badge, a laminated membership card and a complimentary Match Ticket, worth £1, you will also be able to purchase items from the Soccer Shop at a 10% discount.

Boys can join our F.A. Coca Cola Coaching Courses and Girls our Netball Sessions.

Our Next Meetings are:-

7th December

14th December

7 - 10 years Disco

11 - 16 years Disco

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4th January

14th January

Coca Cola Presentation Night

Show Night

Before Saturday's game with Hartlepool 'Junior Latics' member Paul Moss presented Bobby Charlton with a fantastic pin and string plaque of Our Badge.

At our first meeting in September Paul also presented a Wigan Athletic plaque to Junior Latics Vice President, Larry Lloyd. I am sure that both plaques are taking pride of place in the respective offices.

Last Sunday proved to be another tremendous let down for our under-12's boys. They were due to play Goose Green Boys' Brigade team at Wigan Rovers, Poostock ground, but, unfortunately, the match had to be called off due to the state of Rovers pitch. As this is the second time this has happened in as many attempts to play at Poostock we must continue to look for a permanent home for our soccer teams. But I must say that we are very grateful to Rovers for all their help.

SPONSORED WALK

We would like to thank all those young people who took part in the Sponsored Walk. There is still quite a lot of sponsorship money that hasn't been handed in, if you still have your money please hand it in to the Soccer Shop or bring it along to the Disco.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Tonight's Mascot is Ian David Sturgeon. He is 10 years old and attends Rose Bridge School.

Ian says he likes snooker and swimming, but his main interest is Soccer and his favourite players are Larry Lloyd and Kevin Sheldon.

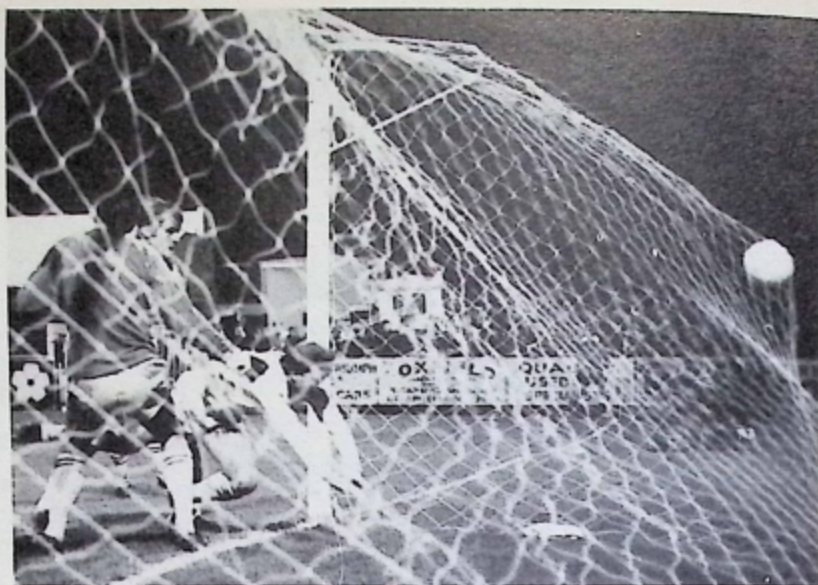
Have a good day Ian.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR Latics





"Les Bradd powers home the fourth goal against Chelsea to make the match safe".

"Larry Lloyd has the Chelsea defence at full stretch"

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1981																
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715		Brown	McMahon	McKam	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,996		Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-1	1,960		Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 20	Bury	3-5	6,249		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 24	SCLETHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,553		Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926		Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Oct. 30	Colchester United	2-1	3,862		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
NOV. 4	DARLINGTON	2-1	4,512		Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1	4,715		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3.	4-2	12,063		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 14	York City	0-0	2,780		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	2-2	5,303		Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	0-1	3,739		Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Quinn	Evans
Nov. 28	Roche															
DEC. 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4															
Dec. 5	HAUFAX TOWN															
Dec. 19	ALDERSHOT															
Dec. 26	Crewe Alexandra															
Dec. 28	BLACKPOOL															

IN THE EVENT OF A REPLAY BEING NEEDED TO DECIDE THE FOURTH ROUND FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP GAME WITH ASTON VILLA, THIS WILL BE STAGED AT VILLA PARK, ON WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER, KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m. PLEASE WATCH THE LOCAL PRESS FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NECESSARY.

1982
JAN 2 Mansfield Town
JAN 9 Sheffield United
JAN 16 PETERBOROUGH UNITED
JAN 23 BRADFORD CITY
JAN 30 Northampton Town

FEB 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED
FEB 8 Port Vale
FEB 13 Torquay United
FEB 20 TRANMERE ROVERS
FEB 26 Stockport County
MAR 6 HULL CITY
MAR 10 BURY
MAR 12 Scunthorpe United
MAR 16 Darlington
MAR 20 COLCHESTER UNITED
MAR 27 Hereford United

APR 2 YORK CITY
APR 9 Blackpool
APR 10 CREWE ALEXANDRIA
APR 17 Halifax Town
APR 24 ROCHDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United
MAY 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
MAY 8 MANSFIELD TOWN
MAY 15 Aldershot

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 26.11.81.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Utd.	16	6	2	0	18	5	5	1	2	13	8	36
Bury	16	8	0	0	29	7	3	1	2	13	10	35
Leeds City	16	6	1	1	25	5	5	0	3	15	10	34
Colchester Utd.	16	6	1	1	25	5	5	0	3	15	10	34
AFC Bournemouth	16	5	3	0	12	4	5	3	2	9	5	34
Peterborough Utd.	16	7	0	1	23	5	3	3	4	2	11	29
Wigan Athletic	16	6	1	1	13	6	2	2	4	4	9	33
Torquay Utd.	16	5	2	2	14	8	3	4	1	4	4	26
Stockport County	16	5	2	2	22	7	3	3	4	4	4	26
Blackpool	16	4	2	2	22	7	3	3	4	4	4	26
Port Vale	16	4	2	2	22	7	3	3	4	4	4	26
Hartlepool Utd.	16	4	1	3	13	12	2	2	4	8	10	21
Stockport County	16	6	0	2	18	8	0	2	6	2	13	20
Hereford Utd.	16	1	5	2	10	11	2	4	2	13	17	18
Aldershot	16	3	4	1	12	9	3	4	0	10	10	18
Tranmere Rovers	16	1	4	3	4	8	3	1	4	5	13	17
York City	16	1	2	5	11	18	4	0	4	11	15	17
Roche	16	3	3	3	9	6	1	5	6	18	16	15
Halifax Town	16	2	3	3	7	10	1	3	4	9	18	15
Hull City	16	2	3	3	7	10	1	3	4	9	18	15
Crewe Alexandra	16	2	3	3	7	10	1	3	4	9	18	15
Northampton T.	16	2	3	3	7	10	1	3	4	9	18	15
Scunthorpe Utd.	16	2	3	3	7	10	1	3	4	9	18	15

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NOTTS COUNTY	TRANMERE ROVERS
WATFORD	QUEENS PARK RANGERS
WIGAN ATHLETIC	ASTON VILLA





Comment

FROM THE CHAIR

GOOD evening, and a very warm welcome to the Aston Villa Football Club official party and supporters, for their first visit to Springfield Park. It is indeed a rare privilege to have as opposition one of the Football League's First Division Clubs, and we look forward eagerly to the game between our own side and the multi-talented Aston Villa team. To entertain a club of such undoubted pedigree is indeed an honour, and we hope to play our part in making Tuesday, December 1st, a memorable occasion for all concerned.

Over the past seven days we have had the bitter experience of losing interest in this season's F.A. Cup competition. It is now past history that the game against Hartlepool United should have been won at Springfield Park, but, even at the Victoria Ground, we failed to take advantage of the definite edge we had over our opponents. We again feel a little sore about one or two decisions in

the replay, and again we suffered the agony of having a goal disallowed, when those nearer to the action than the match officials observed the ball enter the net, and not hit the crossbar, before being scooped out. Cup ties, for Fourth Division clubs, are all about drawing extra revenue, and we have lost one very valuable opportunity of adding to our income.

Whatever our sense of grievance, we cannot escape the fact that our midfield is causing some concern at the present time, and we are looking to strengthen that department of our team. Inquiries have already been made by Larry Lloyd and we anticipate that it will not be long before we take further steps to improve the quality of our squad of players. Meanwhile, in spite of the injuries that have been picked up, our players must battle on as we continue to strive for success.

Enjoy tonight's game.

Yours sincerely,

Freddie Pye, Chairman.

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TEAM CHECK

"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 5th December, 1981.
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HALFAX TOWN
Football League Division Four



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 ~~Alex Cribble~~ *David Cribble*
- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 ~~Harry Lloyd~~ *Paul Lloyd*
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 ~~Les Bradd~~ *Willy Bradd*
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 ~~Mike Quinn~~ *Jeff Wright*

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. D. HUTCHINSON
(Harrogate)

From 1964 progressed through the Cambridge, Eastern Counties and Southern Leagues to the Football League in 1972. Officiated as linesman in the 1976 F.A. Cup Semi-Final and refereed the 1977 F.A. Vase Quarter Final, and an F.A. Trophy Semi-Final in 1980. Also lined European Cup Winners Semi-final in 1979, and acted as Senior Linesman in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final.

A married man, he is an Inspector in the police force, and spends his time instructing recruits at the Regional Police Centre.

Linesmen:

Red Flag Yellow Flag
Mr. M. McAulay Mr. D.B. Scrimshaw
(Leeds) (Cheadle Hulme)

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SCORERS

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**ASTON
VILLA**
(White/Claret)

- 1 Jimmy Rimmer
- 2 Kenny Swain
- 3 Colin Gibson
- 4 Allan Evans
- 5 Gary Williams
- 6 Eamonn Deacy
- 7 Des Bremner
- 8 Gary Shaw
- 9 Peter Withe
- 10 Gordon Cowans
- 11 Tony Morley
- 12 Ivor Linton